

**INTERIM GUIDELINES FOR USE OF BED RAILS**

**FACILITY CHECKLIST**

- \_\_\_ Modify Admissions Policy to include Provisions of PA 437
- \_\_\_ Measurements of Residents
  - \_\_\_ Recorded in Medical Record
- \_\_\_ Documentation of Measurements for Gaps
- \_\_\_ Equipment and Device Safety
- \_\_\_ Resident and Bed Safety
- \_\_\_ Documentation of Corrective Actions
- \_\_\_ Resident Assessment for Bed Rail Use, including Risks and Alternatives
- \_\_\_ Obtain Signatures on Consent Forms
- \_\_\_ Written Physician Orders specifying Medical Determinations and Circumstances
- \_\_\_ Conduct Staff Training
  - \_\_\_ Direct Care Staff
  - \_\_\_ Maintenance and Environmental Services Staff
  - \_\_\_ Modify Orientation of New Staff to include provisions of PA 437
- \_\_\_ Initiate 5 day observation periods for newly installed bed rails
- \_\_\_ Initiate Quarterly Care Plan Review of Bed Rails Use and Equipment
- \_\_\_ Initiate Review of Bed and Device Safety at least every 60 days after the initial 5
  - \_\_\_ Maintenance log